

War Council Powers Transferred To Governor; New Disaster Set-up

Appointment of members of the new State Disaster Council which replaced the State War Council Sept. 15 has been announced by Gov. Earl Warren. The new legislation transfers the powers of the War Council to the Governor, and establishes the Disaster Council as advisory to him.

Under the new law, cities and counties are authorized to extend "mutual aid" for fire and police protection. In cases of "extreme emergency," the Governor may take over the direction of any State governmental agency to cope with flood, fire, earthquake, pestilence, sabotage or riot. Labor controversies are specifically excluded by the act.

Pre-war laws confined fire departments and law enforcement officers to their local jurisdictions. Governor Warren pointed out, "The State Disaster plan, he said, 'makes possible the integration of the activities of all agencies concerned with the protection of life and property, making peacetime use of a wartime lesson in cooperation.'"

Declaration of a state of extreme emergency would have to be upheld by the State Disaster Council within seven days and the Legislature within 30 days, or otherwise it would lapse, according to the new statute.

Appointed by the Disaster Council was Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz of Los Angeles County, representing law enforcement agencies; Harold T. Bowhay of Bakersfield, fire protection service; Mayor Roger Lapham of San Francisco, representing city government; and Leslie Cleary,

district attorney of Stanislaus county, representing county government.

Other members of the council, under the statute, are the governor, lieutenant-governor, attorney-general, the president pro tem of the state Senate and speaker of the Assembly.

The members of the council serve without salary, but receive their necessary travel expenses.

Gardena Banker-Merchant Dies On Hunting Trip

R. C. Robertson, 65, Gardena hardware merchant and former banker, died of a heart attack Sunday while on a hunting trip near Chico with his brother, J. D. Robertson of Long Beach, it was learned here today.

He was a past president of the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Lions Club. Mr. Robertson leaves his widow June at the home 13883 S. Vermont ave.; two sons, Howard C., U. S. Navy, and Gardner J. of Gardena, and two daughters, Dorothy J. of the Waves and Mrs. Leckiah Luney, residing in Gardena. Funeral arrangements will be made by McMillan's Chapel.

WORKERS NEEDED

A total of 55,050 workers of all categories is needed at once for reconversion activities and governmental establis

Lower Grades Of Beef Off Rationing Soon

The three lowest grades of beef will be sold without ration points on Oct. 1, food officials said today.

These grades, known as canner, cutter and utility, are used principally in canned and processed meats, hamburger, sausage and boiling meat. They make up about 20 per cent of the beef supply.

Pork, lamb and the three top grades of beef—commercial, good and choice—will continue to require ration points. The three top grades of beef are the source of most steaks, roasts and other popular table cuts.

The low grades of beef will remain technically on the rationing list, although their ration values will be reduced to zero. This makes it much simpler from an administrative standing, officials explained, to restore them to ration control should it become necessary.

Meanwhile, the agriculture department announced termination of an order which set aside a portion of this year's turkey crop for military services.

Issued last April, the order provided that all turkeys marketed in these states should be turned over to the government. Ending of the order means that turkeys will now become available for civilians in those areas.

Raymond Krahn, acting state manpower director announced.

Kiwanis Club Members Will Honor Press

The Kiwanis Club of Torrance will pay tribute to the daily and weekly press of the United States and Canada during National Newspaper Week, October 1 to 7, for "its superb coverage of the war and the contributions it will make in maintaining the peace."

Ryan Dargett, president of the Torrance club, said that newspaper representatives had been invited to attend the annual meeting honoring the press Monday Oct. 1st at the Men's Bible Class. Principal speaker will be Jacob D. Funk, who is on the executive board of the California Newspaper Publishers Assn. and publisher of the Santa Monica Outlook.

Hamilton Hoyt, Macon, Ga., prominent southern industrialist and president of Kiwanis International, lauded American and Canadian newspapers for "zealously guarding their constitutional liberties in a day and age of economic controls while living up to rigid censorship regulations self-imposed for reasons of military security."

At the same time, Hoyt pointed to the responsibility of newspapers during peacetime. "They can," he declared, "pave the way for wholehearted acceptance of the United Nations Peace Charter, stress the importance of maintaining the free enterprise system of government, and cooperate with business, industry, and agriculture in creating prosperity which is necessary if we are going to have full employment."

Kiwanis International and its 150,000 members in 2,300 communities, during National Newspaper Week, also will salute the 31 correspondents and photographers killed in the war.

Hoyt predicted "a bright and glorious future for our newspapers which have done so much and asked so little."



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California Veterans Commission Assumes Official Status Under Law

The California Veterans Commission, established by Gov. Earl Warren last October as a "committee" to assist returning war veterans in reestablishing themselves in civilian life, today had assumed official status under a law enacted by the 1945 Legislature.

Governor Warren appointed his executive secretary, William T. Sweigert, as chairman of the commission. Sweigert also served as chairman of the committee, which the governor set up last October in one of the few "directives" he has issued.

The "California Plan" under which the commission assists in setting up local veterans' service centers, was developed by the committee and has attracted nationwide interest, the announcement continued. Information on the "California Plan" has been requested by a number of other states, it said.

Representatives of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard have been officially designated by area commanding officers to attend the monthly meetings of the commission and help coordinate the services offered to veterans. The major labor organizations also have established official liaison, the Governor's office said.

With two exceptions, the 16 persons who served on the "committee" were named to the commission. New appointments were Dr. B. F. Eneyart, chief of the Division of Readjustment Education, representing the State Department of Education, and John Henderson, administrator, Service to Veterans, American Red Cross, San Francisco.

Members of the former committee appointed to the commission are James G. Bryant, Employment Stabilization Commission; Clarence Champlin of Sacramento and Frank H. Mogle of San Bernardino, for the County Supervisors Association; Mayor Harley Knox of San Diego and Mayor Fitch Robertson of Berkeley, League of California Cities; Ford A. Chatters, State Personnel Board; Mrs. Augustus Dunaway of Oakland, Federation of Women's Clubs; John C. Dunn of Los Angeles, American Legion; R. F. Nichols of Los Angeles, Veterans of Foreign Wars; William J. O'Connor of San Francisco, Disabled American Veterans; C. A. Herbage, State Department of Social Welfare; Archie J. Mooney, California Apprenticeship Council; J. Marvin Russell, Veterans Welfare Board.

Rodney C. Richardson, a World War II Marine Corps veteran, is executive secretary of the commission.

A GOOD MOVE
Admitting that an end table lamp looks its decorative best when centered toward the back of the table, still this is a good move in the interest of eyesight protection: Bring the lamp close to you when reading, sewing or doing other eye work. The closer to your work a lamp is placed, the better the seeability and the more light you get for your money.

Group Apprenticeship Training program and 11 individual plant set-up in 29 skilled trades, are qualified to train veteran apprentices, and that more than 300 apprenticeship plans have been established in this state. "Fulfilling all minimum requirements and standards established by the Apprentices Council, veterans employed under the program are eligible to receive \$50 to \$75 per month from the Veterans' Administration in addition to their apprentice wages," Mooney said.

Newspaper Week Statement Made By CNPA Leader

In announcing state-wide plans for Newspaper Week, Oct. 1 to 7, E. R. Lovett, president, California Newspaper Publishers Association, made the following statement:

The slogan for this year's Newspaper Week is "A Free Press—Torch of World Peace." Many believe that truth and understanding can do more than anything else to bring about global harmony. We newspapermen know it will!

We have just seen the close of the most destructive war in history—a war which might not have been fought if the people living in the aggressor world had known the facts. If they had had means of learning the truth about their own leaders and their neighbor countries instead of hearing only the misleading propaganda handed out to them by "authorized" representatives of their governments, there might not have been a war.

The United Nations' Conference in San Francisco was the first meeting of this type open to the press and radio. Nothing of importance that developed there was withheld from the public. Consequently public reaction over the world was more satisfactory than in the case of any previous conference of comparable size and purpose, and the chances of a real peace were increased accordingly, as evidenced by the promptness of ensuing ratification procedures.

There is no longer need of withholding from the people the truth about public affairs—not even for military reasons. A world-wide policy of freedom in news gathering and dissemination will go far toward assuring lasting world peace. It is the opportunity and obligation of the free press in this land of greatest freedom, to demand insistently that such a world-wide policy be adopted.

REPORT HOUSE LOOTED
Police report that the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sperry, 24234 Ward st., Walteria, was entered and robbed of clothing valued at \$40 over the week end. The thieves made their entry into the home by cutting the screen on the back door.

New Director of OPA Named for So. California

Paul Barksdale d'Orr, district rationing executive, today was named Southern California OPA district director by Charles R. Baird, regional administrator. It was the last official act for Baird, who himself is leaving the price agency at the end of this month.

D'Orr, who will take office Oct. 1 and who succeeds Frank S. Balthis, Jr., was appointed Jan. 1, 1942, in the first days of America's wartime rationing experience. In July of that year the state rationing administration merged with the price and enforcement divisions of the Office of Price Administration. Since then d'Orr has filled the important post of district rationing executive.

The new director, a native of Mississippi, has lived in California since 1918. He attended schools of his native state and then entered Georgia Tech University. Later he went to law school in Chicago.

Like his predecessor, Frank S. Balthis, d'Orr is an attorney and has practiced his profession for many years in the Southland. Retiring director Balthis will return to the practice of law, he said.

Coach Loughborough Reported Improving After Operation

Sheldon Loughborough, head football coach at Narbonne high school, is reported to be improving, following a serious appendectomy at California Lutheran hospital last week.

Coach Loughborough is expected to be away from his football practice for several weeks, and during his absence Coach Walter Kuns, new Bee mentor, will take over his work.

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1471 Jobless Checks Are Paid Here

A total of 1471 persons had received unemployment checks for the period ending Sept. 22, an increase of 816 over period ending Sept. 15, according to Elizabeth Moon, supervisor of the department of employment office in Torrance.

This increase, she said, was due to the recent change in the Unemployment Insurance Act reducing the waiting period from two to one week. She noted, however, that many of those who filed claims immediately after V-J day had not returned to collect insurance.

New claims for insurance ending Sept. 22 were 267 as compared to 321 for the week previous, she said.

Job openings were at 476 and a total of 333 referrals had been made, according to Richard Layman, assistant manager of the U.S.E.S. Ninety per cent of those going back to work are persons who had filed new claims since the layoffs.

Persons filing prior to Aug. 15 continue to draw, department records indicate.

Mass layoffs comparable to a month ago are over, the department believes, but they expect minor layoffs and readjustments will continue to keep initial claims at a high figure for the next several months.

Work of OPA Volunteers Still Important

Despite the fact that many local boards have been discontinued and rationing activities are becoming fewer the need for continued support from volunteer workers continues.

That was the view expressed today by one who should know—O. K. Collins, OPA district board executive. Collins said that volunteer workers have done a splendid job of aiding in the rationing program and expressed his thanks for the work they have done. But, he said, volunteers need not think there is no more to do.

War Veterans to Earn While Learning Trade

Under a program proposed by the State Department of Industrial Relations, war veterans will earn while receiving trade instruction.

In effect, this is the basis of the plan outlined today by Archie J. Mooney, chief of the division of Apprenticeship Standards, connected with the state Department of Industrial Relations, at a meeting of industrialists and school vocational directors in the state building.

"Forty hours a week on the job and 4 hours in school, with experienced men training the knowledge of their skill with the apprenticeship, is the way it works," Mooney stated.

The division chief explained that more than 2500 California firms, representing the 65-Area-



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